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**COLORADO/MONTANA TRIP MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** ADMINISTRATOR WHEELER  
**FROM:** OPE/OCIR  
**SUBJECT:** COLORADO/MONTANA  
**DATE:** SEPTEMBER 6, 2018

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**Attire:** Jeans and a button down for the first four days of the trip. Business casual for the R8 all-hands meeting in Denver on Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Participants:**

Administrator Wheeler

Michael Molina, Michael Abboud, Ryan Jackson, Troy Lyons, Stephen Gordon, Kelly Kundinger. Ken Wagner will join you in Colorado on Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.

Senator Steve Daines will be with you in Montana on Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.

Tim Fox (Montana Attorney General) will be with you in Montana on Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.

R8 Administrator Doug Benevento will be with you throughout this trip.

**Agenda**

***Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup>***

4:44pm Flight from DCA to SLC.

7:23pm Arrive at SLC.

8:50pm Flight from SLC to BTM.

10:14pm Arrive at BTM.

RON Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites

Location: 2609 Harrison Ave, Butte, MT 59701

***Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup>***

**EVENT 1**

9:30am Depart for meeting with Montana EPA staff

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10am-11am Meet with Montana EPA Staff

Location: Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites  
2609 Harrison Ave, Butte, MT 59701

## **EVENT 2**

11am-11:30am Quick lunch with Senator Daines

Location: Butte-Silver Bow Chamber of Commerce Building  
(1000 George Street Butte, MT 59701)

Bio: **Senator Steve Daines**

A fifth-generation Montanan, Steve Daines brings 28 years of private-sector business experience to Washington, D.C. as he serves the people of Montana in the U.S. Senate. Steve is a lifelong sportsman and grew up in Bozeman, Montana. After attending public schools (K-12) in Bozeman, Steve went to college at Montana State University and graduated with a B.S. in Chemical Engineering. He spent thirteen years in a management role for Procter & Gamble, and then returned to Bozeman in 1997 to work in a family construction business. Steve was elected to serve as Montana's United States Representative in 2012. In the U.S. Senate, he serves on the Senate Committees on Appropriations, Energy and Natural Resources, Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, Agriculture, and Indian Affairs.

## **RECENT ENGAGEMENTS**

### Introduced Peter Wright for EPW Nomination Hearing (8.1.2018)

- Senator Daines introduced Peter Wright at his nomination hearing before the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works. Although the Senator and Peter do not have a formal relationship, he was happy to make the introduction given the great interest he has shown in the Superfund sites in MT.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### Visit to Montana (9.6.2018)

- At the request of Senator Daines, EPA is traveling to Montana to tour two major Superfund Sites, located in Butte and Anaconda.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### Daines Correspondence with EPA

- On July 26<sup>th</sup>, Sen. Daines joined a letter opposing the reallocation of RINS under the RFS from refineries granted SREs.
  - OAR is currently drafting a response that will detail efforts to improve transparency with how the Agency administers the RFS.

Bio: **Tim Fox (Attorney General for Montana)**

## **BIOGRAPHY**

Attorney General Fox assumed office in January 2013 under Governor Steve Bullock (D-MT). Prior to his service as AG, he helped develop environmental regulatory program for the Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation and worked as a Special Assistant Attorney General for the Montana DEQ. He also practiced criminal and civil law in Billings.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### Berkeley Pit Superfund Site

In March 2017, AG Fox wrote to Administrator Pruitt requesting a visit to the Berkeley Pit Superfund Site.

### CERCLA Hard Rock Mining Rule

AG Fox joined a coalition of 13 states in July 2017 to defend state mining laws. The Montana DEQ filed a comment letter in opposition to the January 2017 draft rule to establish minimum nationwide reclamation bonding requirements for hard rock mining under CERCLA.

11:30-12:00pm      Press availability with Senator Daines

Location:            Butte-Silver Bow Chamber of Commerce Building  
(1000 George Street Butte, MT 59701)

## **EVENT 3**

12:00pm-1:30pm      Tour of Butte Superfund Site

Note:                 Visitor Center - Confluence of BTC/upper SBC (30m)  
Slag Canyon/BTL groundwater Treatment (Driving tour)  
Granite Mountain Memorial / Diamond Overlook to Berkeley Pit (1h)

Location:            Butte-Silver Bow Chamber of Commerce Building  
(1000 George Street Butte, MT 59701)

1:30pm                Depart for Butte Archives (15 minute drive)

## **EVENT 4**

1:45pm                Meeting with key stakeholders

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Location: Butte Archives  
17 W. Quartz Street  
Butte, MT

Attendees: Dave Palmer – Chief Executive, Butte-Silver Bow County  
Jon Sesso – County Superfund coordinator  
Dan Villa – Governor’s Office  
Tom Livers – Head of MDEQ  
Fritz Daily – Community Activist  
Sister Mary Jo McDonald – Community Activist  
John Ray – Community Activist  
Mick Ringsack – Community Activist  
Northey Tretheway – Chair of the Technical Advisory Group  
Jocelyn Dodge – Community Activist  
Mark Thompson – Montana resources

2:45pm Depart for Anaconda Superfund Site (30 minute drive)

#### **EVENT 5**

3:15pm-3:30pm Media availability

Location: Atlantic Richfield Construction Trailers

3:30pm-4:45pm Tour of Anaconda Superfund Site

Note: 3:30pm Safety Briefing  
4:00pm Begin tour  
4:30pm Smelter Stack

4:45pm Depart for Anaconda Deer Lodge Country Meeting (15 minute drive)

#### **EVENT 6**

5:00pm-5:30pm Anaconda Deer Lodge County Meeting

Location: Anaconda Deer Lodge  
118 E. 7th St, Anaconda, MT  
(3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room)

Attendees: Bill Everett – Chief Executive, Anaconda-Deer Lodge County

Terry Vermeire - County Commissioner  
Dan Villa – Governor’s office  
Tom Livers - MDEQ  
Mike Grayson - former county attorney  
Jim Davison – economic development chief  
Joe and Susan Kitchel – homeowners in Anaconda  
Steve McNeece - former hospital administrator  
Carl Nyman – ADLC Superfund manager  
Rose Nyman – Community Activist

5:30pm Depart for Butte, Montana

6:30pm Dinner in Butte

Location: TBD

RON Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites

Location: 2609 Harrison Ave, Butte, MT 59701

***Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>***

7:00am Depart hotel en route to Ronan, MT

9:00am Breakfast/Rest break in Missoula, MT

Location: Wheat Montana Bakery and Deli  
8800 Truck Stop Road  
Missoula, MT 59808

Note: Kim Varilek will meet you at this bakery and ride the rest of the way with you towards Ronan, MT. Kim is associate regional counsel in Region 8 and an expert on Tribal matters in MT.

9:20am Continue drive towards Ronan, MT

**EVENT 1**

10:30am-11:30am Meeting with Confederated Salish and Kootenai (CSKT) Tribal Leaders and Environmental Program

Note: Introductions (10-15 minutes)  
CSKT Presentation (30 minutes)  
EPA statements (15 minutes)

Location: CSKT Tribal Chambers

58141 US-93, Ronan, MT 59864

Attendees:

Ronald Trahan – Chairman  
Leonard W. Gray – Vice Chair  
Shelly R. Fyant – Secretary  
Anita Matt – Treasurer  
Leonard Twoteeth  
James Steele Jr.  
Carole Lankford  
Dennis Clairmont  
Charmel R. Gillin  
Myrna Dumontier  
Rich Janssen, NRD Department Head  
Willie Keenan, Division Manager, Environmental Protection  
Clayton Matt, Director of Tribal Services  
Rob McDonald, Communications Director  
Mary Price, Scientist, CSKT Legal Department

11:30am Depart en route to Pablo, MT (15 minute drive)

**EVENT 2**

12:00pm Flathead Lake Discussion/Site Visit

Location: KwaTaqNuk Resort  
49708 U.S. 93 Polson, MT 59860

Attendees: Rich Janssen, NRD Department Head  
Willie Keenan, Division Manager, Environmental Protection  
Clayton Matt, Director of Tribal Services  
Rob McDonald, Communications Director  
Mary Price, Scientist, CSKT Legal Department  
Dan Lipscomb, Shoreline Protection Manager  
Paula Webster, Water Quality Program Manager  
Randy Ashley, Air Quality Program Manager  
Tom McClure, UST/LUST Program Manager  
Jasmine Brown, Pesticides Program Manager  
Chauncey Means, Non-Point Source Program Manager  
Evan Smith, NPDES Coordinator  
Mary Rose Morigeau, Brownfield Coordinator

12:45pm Depart en route to Kalispell, MT (1 hour 15 minute drive)

2:00-3:00pm Lunch in Kalispell, MT with Blackfeet Tribe

Location: Montana Club Restaurant  
1301 S Main St, Kalispell, MT 59901

Attendees: Chairman Timothy Davis  
Vice-Chairman, I. Scott Kipp, Sr.  
Blackfeet Environmental Director, Gerald Wagner

3:30pm Depart for Glacier Park International Airport

5:15pm Flight from FCA-DEN

7:25pm Arrive in Denver

RON: Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel

Location: 1550 Court Pl, Denver, CO 80202

***Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>***

9:00am Depart for Rocky Mountain Arsenal Wildlife Refuge

**EVENT 1**

9:15am-11:15am Rocky Mountain Arsenal Wildlife Refuge Tour

Attendees: Regional Administrator Benevento  
Betsy Smidinger – Assistant Regional Administrator  
Andrew Mutter -Public Affairs Director  
Greg Hargreaves - RPM  
Rob Stites – Remedial Unit Manager  
Json Marruffo - photographer  
Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment  
Martha Rudolf, Director of Environmental Programs  
Jen Opila, Director Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Division  
Monica Sheets, Superfund Program Manager  
US Fish and Wildlife Service  
Will Meeks, Assistant Regional Director of Refuges (not confirmed)  
David Lucas, Refuge Manager  
Charlie Scharmann, Program Manager

11:15am Depart for lunch

**EVENT 2**

11:45am-12:30pm      Lunch

Location:              TBD

12:30pm                Depart for Rocky Flats West Gate

### **EVENT 3**

1:00pm-3:00pm      Rocky Flats Wildlife Refuge Tour

Note:                    Driving Tour of Wildlife Refuge; stop at Lindsey Ranch (Historical site, overlook) (1 hr)  
Driving Tour of Central Operable Unit: view landfill and treatment systems and stop at East Side overlook (1 hr)

#### **Attendees:**

Regional Administrator Benevento  
Betsy Smidinger – Assistant Regional Administrator  
Andrew Mutter -Public Affairs Director  
Vera Moritz - RPM  
Rob Stites – Remedial Unit Manager  
Json Marruffo - photographer  
Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment  
Martha Rudolf, Director of Environmental Programs  
Jen Opila, Director Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Division  
Rob Beierle, Unit Leader  
David Lucas, Refuge Manager  
US Department of Energy  
Carmelo Melendez, Director Office of Legacy Management (waiting for confirmation)  
Scott Surovchak, Site Manager

3:00-3:30pm           Press availability

3:30pm                 Depart to hotel in Denver (20 minute drive)

RON:                    Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel

Location:              1550 Court Pl, Denver, CO 80202

### ***Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>***

8:00am-8:15am      Meet with R8 Union Leadership



Location: EPA R8 Office (RA Conference Room)  
1595 Wynkoop St, Denver, CO 80202

Note: Ken Wagner will be joining you for this meeting.

8:15am-8:45am Senior Leadership Team meet and greet

Location: EPA R8 Office (RA Conference Room)  
1595 Wynkoop St, Denver, CO 80202

8:45am-9:00am Break and prep for all hands

Location: EPA R8 Office (RA Office)  
1595 Wynkoop St, Denver, CO 80202

9:00am-10:00am Region 8 All Hands Meeting

Location: EPA R8 Office (Atrium)  
1595 Wynkoop St, Denver, CO 80202

10:00am – 11:00am Coffee with regional employees (Atrium)

11am Depart for DIA

1:00pm Depart DEN en route to IAD

6:16pm Land at IAD